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NOTE FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : CINCPAC Request for a SNIE on Korea

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1. Early last week, [REDACTED] (the chief of DIA's Directorate of Estimates) called me to say that he had just received a request from General Tighe (the J-2 in CINCPAC) for an Estimate on South Korea to be prepared in time to assist the US delegation to the annual US/ROK consultative meeting tentatively scheduled for late September. [REDACTED] himself was not sure about the propriety of accepting requests for Estimates from field commands but did feel, understandably, that he was obligated to pass the field command's request along. We discussed this matter in a low key. I did not agree to commission paper though I did say that, all other things being equal, the National Intelligence structure should try wherever possible to assist field commanders in meeting their intelligence needs. I pointed out, however, that we had several things currently in train on Korea and I simply could not say off the top of my head whether CINCPAC's request could be fitted into our current workload.

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2. Our phone conversation ended with [REDACTED] saying that he would draft a letter to be sent to me by Admiral de Poix which would spell out the CINCPAC query in some detail. He offered to send me that letter in draft before it was formally signed and officially transmitted. [REDACTED] draft, which is attached, arrived on 17 July. I forward it for your review and consideration.

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3. If we can help CINCPAC in some way -- even if not by formal Estimate -- I would like to do so, but I defer to your judgment on whether this particular request is one we ought to address or could handle as a separate project in light of the other Korean items currently in train.

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